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"CONFESSIONS TO A HEATHEN IDOL"

Last autumn there appeared in bookdom a volume of demure but inviting appearance, bearing the inscription, "Confessions to a Heathen Idol." Its front cover was chaperoned by as ugly and fascinating a graven image as ever grinned. The name of the author as printed was one Marion Lee. We turned the front few pages expectantly and forthwith wandered into so delightful a realm of fancy, humor and philosophy that we forgot everything but those entrancing confessions. Charmed by the delicacy, aptness and strength of the diction, and invigorated by the wholesomeness and cheerfulness of the story, we progressed via chuckles and heart-throbs, and when we had reluctantly turned the last page, we realized that we in fact knew the author. Though her name was as luminous as the Sphinxian riddles, we could tell you all about her. She was a woman with a big brain and a big heart; that was all that really mattered.

Those of us who had recognized a bit of local color and had been dimly aware that we had been before under the spell of the personality here concealed by the name Marion Lee, began to guess. Some guessed that her first name was Anna; others insisted that her middle name was Botsford; while there were found those who urged, on reliable evidence, that her last name was Comstock. We were all right, and Kappa Alpha Thetas near and far will rejoice that so honored and loyal a sister has added new laurels to her already luxuriant wreath by writing such a book.

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CHARLOTTE ILLINGWORTH

Miss Charlotte Illingworth, a Theta of Mu chapter, has recently returned to America, after a missionary career of seven and a half years in Burma, India. Her work has been somewhat different from that ascribed to missionaries and will perhaps be of interest to the readers of the Journal.

Landing in Rangoon, Burma, on January 10, 1899, she was at once appointed assistant principal in the Methodist high school there. Soon after her arrival the principal was taken seriously ill and the whole burden and responsibility fell for awhile upon Miss Illingworth. When the principal was again able to resume her responsibility Miss Illingworth was transferred to the Methodist orphanage at Than Daung, a hill station a hundred and seventy-five miles from Rangoon, because of some deficiency in the staff of teachers there. Her first year was spent traveling between the two places, Rangoon and Than Daung, hardly knowing which was to be her home. Finally she was appointed to Than Daung, where she passed the remaining years of her first missionary period.

The orphanage at Than Daung is an industrial home for the Eurasian children. By Eurasian is meant the children of mixed parentage, as European and Indian. The orphanage building was one which it would be hard to describe to those who have never visited the East. It was as some have said, "too rough an abode even for animals." During the hot season the boards that form the walls shrink and leave spaces of an inch between the boards; no paper or plaster covers the rough walls: consequently, at the beginning of the monsoons the rain sweeps through the house, drenching all things in its path.

Strangers visiting at Than Daung often wonder at the work that Miss Illingworth and her co-worker, Miss Perkins, accomplish. Sometimes Miss Illingworth would have her class at one end of the table busily engaged in solving some mathematical problem while she would be standing at

the other end kneading bread for her family of forty; or, again, she would be darning stockings or mending garments for the boys and girls. Seldom did she sit with idle hands, and the proverb, "one thing at a time," failed to work in her case.

No servants whatever are employed in this home. Every branch of work is attended to by the teachers with the assistance of the children. Monday is the regular wash day, another day is set apart for butchering and putting up the meat. A day at Than Daung begins at five in the morning and seldom, for Miss Illingworth and Miss Perkins, ends before eleven or twelve in the evening.

Among the many things that troubled those in charge of the orphanage, the two most serious were those of water and light. The water for the whole household had to be carried from the foot of the hill by the boys. It was a task they dreaded. Miss Illingworth and Miss Perkins puzzled long over a way to relieve the boys of their arduous task. Finally Miss Illingworth remembered having seen, while in America, a hydraulic ram which pumped the water from a little stream at the foot of a hill to a barn at the top.

By the next mail an order was sent for the ram and at last it arrived. It was only guaranteed to pump water a hundred and fifty feet. An English engineer, with whom Miss Illingworth consulted, fully assured her that it was useless to make the attempt; the ram could not pump the water the extra seventy-five feet that was necessary. No workmen could be obtained, first, because there was no money to meet such an expense and, secondly, because few believed the plan would be successful. Miss Illingworth and Miss Perkins had learned, however, to try and try again until success attended their efforts. With the aid of a few boys from the home they set out to attempt the task. For days they worked in the wind and rain. By degrees the pipes were laid and the water raised a hundred and fifty

feet. Did they dare attempt the other seventy-five? Encouraged by success, on they went foot by foot almost coaxing the water, as it were, to mount a little higher. Then what a shout of joy arose as the water flowed into the tank built for it on the hilltop. Soon the water connections were laid in the house and one problem was solved.

Next came the question of lighting the house. Oil lamps were an inconvenience in more ways than one. Chimneys were continually being broken, the oil supply would often give out and in addition the blasts of wind coming through the cracks would extinguish the lights and leave the house in total darkness. A little dynamo was purchased, the wires laid and soon the house was illuminated by electricity. Every inch of the work was done by the two women.

Shortly before our misionary left for America on her furlough, the lady who was to take her place asked her to write out for her a list of things that have to be done each day. The answer she received was, "You ask of me an impossibility. I never know, when I open my eyes in the morning, what new undertaking may claim my attention." A missionary on Than Daung must be ready and willing to do anything and everything. Imagine the responsibility that must fall upon a mother to forty children!

Mu.

ELIZABETH MILLER

The distinction of having one of the most popular authors of the day, who is, as well, a young woman of unusual charm of personality, has come to Kappa Alpha Theta through a recent initiation of Gamma chapter at Butler College. Miss Elizabeth Miller, author of "The Yoke" and "Saul of Tarsus," who was a student up to her senior course in Butler several years ago, entered again this spring to do advanced work in anthropology and Greek.



ELIZABETH MILLER

This addition gives the Thetas another distinguished literary member, one who not only has accomplished much, but promises yet greater things for the future.

The author of "The Yoke" and "Saul of Tarsus" is a young woman still under thirty, of ingenuous disposition, and a lover of out-doors. Her great fund of knowledge does not "show through;" she always appears to be full of the buoyant spirits of the time when the heart is young and the body vital with the early flush of womanly strength. She has spent several summers in the Rocky Mountains. camping with her brothers in the open air. On one occasion, while traveling, she rode fifty miles in the cab of a locomotive which was on a run through a great cañon. Ordinary feminine fear seems to have no place in her composition. She has also lived in California and on the coast and in the pine woods of Maine. This spring, Miss Miller is building, a few miles out of Indianapolis, a bungalow, where she will continue her literary work, and, as she says, "raise potatoes," on her recently purchased twentyfive acre farm. She has a one-horse farm wagon, and a horse, whose possession she is envied by all the suburban residents and farmers of the neighborhood. Miss Miller is expert with the reins, and can drive a tandem as well as the best of drivers. In fact, she is accomplished in most lines of out-door sport.

Like Lew Wallace before he wrote "Ben Hur," Miss Miller has never traveled in the Holy Land of which she writes, but gathers her material from Biblical, historical and descriptive sources. Her books have been read by scholars in Oriental history and have been pronounced more uniformly accurate than those of any other writer on Biblical themes. Miss Miller inclines to the idea that the glamour which history throws over the Holy Land and Egypt would be destroyed if she visited those countries, and she prefers to retain the picturesque and inspiring perspective she now has, rather than to have it destroyed by a

first-hand knowledge of fallen peoples who at present offer little incentive to the novelists' pen. That is, she believes that the Orientation of her books in time can be better secured and preserved by keeping away from the Orient of to-day.

Miss Miller is now writing a third novel, the last of her trilogy. She is also reading such foreign authors as Merejkowski, Flaubert, Tolstoi and the dramatic works of leading contemporaries. She will probably spend next year in Paris, studying dramatic art, for the purpose of the assistance the training will give her in condensing the plots and intensifying the action of her stories. Her work has met with such hearty approval and popular favor that she will spare no pains to make her books of the greatest literary merit.

ORA WILLIAMS.

THETA'S BROTHERS-IN-LAW

It is natural that each member of a family should be interested in what concerns the other members of the same family. Accordingly we take it for granted that the members of the Kappa Alpha Theta family would very much like to know what their brothers-in-law are doing. A hasty comparison of the last catalogue (1904) with "Who's Who in America, 1906-1907," furnishes information concerning a large number of these men.

It might be expected that very many of them would be engaged in literary and educational work, and in this we are not disappointed. We find as presidents of colleges, Richard C. Hughes of Ripon, Lemuel H. Murlin of Baker and Joseph Swain of Swarthmore. Henry A. Buchtel, Chancellor of the University of Colorado, is now governor of that state. Upwards of thirty hold professorships in colleges and the majority of these are authors as well. John Henry Comstock of Cornell is an authority along

entomological lines that must be reckoned with. Mrs. Comstock has been of the greatest assistance to him in illustrating his books and she herself holds a professorship in the Cornell extension work in nature study. On the Cornell faculty we also find Louis M. Dennis at the head of the chemistry department, and an author of chemical books; Edward Leamington Nichols, professor of physics and editor of the Physical Review; Albert W. Smith, director of Sibley College, and Lucian A. Wait, professor of mathematics. Stanford University claims four, Edward P. Cubberly, assistant professor of education; Charles H. Gilbert, professor of zoology; Charles D. Marx of the civil engineering department, and John F. Newson, mining professor. Alexander Meiklejohn is dean at Brown University, and Albert D. Mead is professor of comparative anatomy at the same place. Ann Arbor claims Henry C. Adams as its professor of political economy and finance, he is also noted for his books on these subjects. James A. Craig is also at Ann Arbor in charge of the Semitic language department. Gustaf E. Karsten is at Bloomington, Indiana, professor of the Germanic languages, and editor of the Journal of English and Germanic Philology; Ernest H. Lindley is at the head of the department of philosophy at Bloomington. Thomas L. Lyon is professor of agriculture, and Fred Morrow Fling of history at Nebraska. Professor Fling writes extensively on historical subjects. George G. Brownell is at Alabama University as professor of Romance languages. Stanley Coulter at Purdue writes on biology and manages that department. Dugald C. Jackson is professor of electricity at Wisconsin University and writes on electricity. William I. Hull of Swarthmore has history in charge and is also an author. William P. Rogers is dean of the Cincinnati Law School. Paul Shorev at Chicago is professor of Greek and writes on that subject. He has recently spent a year in Athens as head of the American School. Edward A. Steiner of Grinnell College is a Congregational minister. Frederick H. Sykes of Columbia is professor of English literature in the Teachers' College. Joseph R. Taylor has charge of English at the Ohio State University. Frank Hodder of Kansas University is associate professor in history and writes on historical subjects.

Among those who make authorship their profession we note Ray Stannard Baker, well known in the periodical world; Elwyn A. Barron of London, playwright and essayist; James Buckham, a poet and magazine writer; George Fitch, magazine writer; Homer Folks is associate editor of Charities, and writes on sociological subjects: Charles Keeler, poet; Samuel Merwin, novelist: Henry K. Webster. novelist, and Charles H. Stowell, medical writer. Moses N. Baker edits the Engineering News and writes engineering books. Winfield Scott Moody has long been in the field of journalism. Phineas L. Windsor is librarian at the University of Texas. Charles F. Amidon is federal judge for North Dakota. Milton H. Bancroft is an artist and painter. Daniel MacDugal heads the botanical research department in the Cyrnegie Institution and is a specialist on desert vegetation George Sikes began his career as a journalist and now as a specialty of municipal problems. L. W. Austm, physicist, is with the Bureau of Standards. Frederick Coville is chief botanist of the United States Agricultural Department. R. T. Hill, geologist. is with the Geological Survey Department.

Prominent in the engineering field are Edward P. Burch, Charles B. Wing and Joseph Lippincott. S. M. Taylor is in the consular service. Conway MacMillan has until recently headed the botanical department at the University of Minnesota. He is now making advertising his specialty. Herbert Hadley, J. W. Weik and E. A. Gilmore have attained prominence as lawyers. Andrew L. Harris is governor of Ohio.

ANNA LORRAINE GUTHRIE.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month sees the term of the present administration drawing to a close, finishing its work with pre-convention planning. Its activity has been three-fold, the completion of undertakings left over by the last Council or outlined by convention, the carrying on of routine duties, and its work with an eye to the future. It is this preparation for the future that has been our special concern, and always with loving anxiety to smooth by our efforts the paths of future administrations. We would guard lest our good energy be wasted and lest too many sins of omission be laid at our door.

I wonder if the chapters know the difficulties under which the Council does its work. Some of us are companions of old-time; some of us have never laid eyes on each other; vet we must consult together with the utmost freedom and frankness; opinions must be expressed on "8 by 10"—and frankness is a quality that "8 by 10" never lacks. Committees must be appointed at long range, with as much generosity of distribution as possible, for is not committee work the foundation training of our officers? Budgets and reports are held barely forty-eight hours, often less, then forwarded to complete the Pacific-Atlantic-and-Pacific-again circuit. Petitions from applying groups descend upon us like rose-petals in a June storm-and they are so earnest, so hopeful, so vital, so pressing; other fraternities rise to points of information; the Inter-Sorority waves its yearly conference before our eyes; queries of chapters greet us in every mail. Here it may be added that the chapter may be either a great help or a great hindrance to the Council, the response of some of our active chapters is our pride and our joy; business like, reliable as standard clocks, punctual, sane in judgment. Wouldn't you like to know their names? Yet some others cause a little worried compression of lips, a line between the eyes, though it may be merely the fault of one careless girl, carelessly appointed to her office, not appreciating her value in the machine we try to keep well oiled, and perfectly balanced.

This big machinery, which never stops, which must neither lag nor hasten, makes its demand upon each one of us, whether active girl or alumna. The active girl, indeed, may feel that her four years finish her activity, but Kappa Alpha Theta needs more. Each chapter has girls who after graduation have capacity, some training and some time. These girls we wish to use to make responsible, to work into district or national committees and into the offices of alumnæ chapters; until they know quite well the conditions of Theta's grown-up work and are prepared to fill the highest offices if such service should be required of them.

So much for the efficiency of our organization as such. May I add a word about the Theta life after college and the ultimate purpose of our organized chapters? Of recent date I have had letters and interviews too numerous to catalogue from other fraternity women: "What do your alumnæ do?" the last word suggesting anything from hospital cots to the evolution of the immigrant. I have answered that we undertook little exterior philanthropic work, our desire being largely to know and strengthen and benefit from each other, that our outside church and club work served outside purposes, but as alumnæ chapters, we existed to help intelligently our own Theta selves, that field being as broad as we were willing to cover. Since then having gone directly to our alumnæ chapters, I find the above is happily the case. "Thetas are home-makers," my correspondents answer, "young mothers busy with their families, or professional women carrying Theta ideals into their work." This is the spirit of Kappa Alpha Theta after-college life that is lovely to see; so lacking in ostentation, so pervasive in an influence that lives.

If our alumnæ can strengthen those lives that touch

theirs with the intangible spirit of our fine womanhood which is our ideal, how much the nearer that ideal is to realization! If our Councillors can direct our organization along practical and honorable lines, what better work is there for college women to do? If each administration trains into intelligent service a group of Theta leaders, how consolidated and immediate a result to our policy! And if in the chapter, the effort be to train for a Kappa Alpha Theta afterlife in thorough and willing service, whatever the field, how blest our future years!

May the coming convention knit together active and alumnæ Thetas with a better understanding of each others' needs; for we have all once been active, and are all soon to be alumnæ. And the sooner we bridge the crossing-place, and step from one usefulness to the next, the greater our usefulness in the world, and the happier our lives. May the next administration have as willing hands to help it, as generous leniency towards its troubles, as prompt and intelligent service from all sides as the present one has had. Then shall the growth, the prosperity and the best progress of Kappa Alpha Theta be assured.

MARION WHIPPLE GARRETTSON.

BUSINESS METHODS

I can think of no way of creating respect for our fraternity, both from within and without, quite equal to that of a strong organization. An organization is essentially a regulated body, each member of which bears a definite relation to every other member. That the organization shall have unity and strength, it is necessary for each individual to whom are assigned especial duties, to execute such duties efficiently and without delay. As a fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta has business to transact, and we need to recognize the importance of conducting the business function of our

organization with much the same method and the same promptness as that of a financial corporation. Our fraternity is growing and it behooves us to keep our machinery in good condition if the work is to be effectual. This includes a wise choice of chapter and national officers.

To assume perfection, one logically excludes room for growth, an absurdity on the face of the supposition, in so far as it applies to Kappa Alpha Theta; so I shall be frank in my declaration that chapter and national officers have work yet to do.

It would be unjust and unappreciative of honest effort to consider certain mistakes and omissions in chapter business, deliberate neglect. We want more intelligent interest brought to bear with assumption of office. It reflects much discredit upon a chapter when its corresponding secretary not only delays, but fails entirely, to reply to a letter of business. It creates little more admiration when an archivist does not know what the archives should include, after their contents having been designated at convention. My purpose is not to condemn but primarily to stimulate to better things, to a broader grasp of the relation of each chapter officer's business transactions to the business of the fraternity at large. If we want intensely an organization for which we need not apologize, even to ourselves, the chapter must realize, to the point of conscious progressive activity, that their influence is vital. I consider that the chapter president is the responsible person in the chapter and should represent the district president as inspector between her biennial visits.

Our national officers should be chosen from among those alumnæ whose time is not so occupied that the demands of the fraternity must be put aside as of secondary importance; they should be women with a business sense, trained in fraternity affairs by their connection with alumnæ chapters or by committee work. We cannot afford to have our officers spend a large part of an administration getting

into the routine of office. The present Grand Council is aiming to improve its method of business within the Council. With a better business procedure and with officers with time and ability, Kappa Alpha Theta's organization should continue second to none in the sorority world.

MARY W. LIPPINCOTT, President of Alpha District.

FRATERNITY LETTERS

The dating of letters has apparently gone out of fashion. In the good old days, placing the address and date at the beginning of a letter was a formality on no account to be omitted. Now it has become the custom to dash at once in medias res. with the honest intention doubtless of placing address and date at the end. But the result is often a letter without either. To add to the recipient's perplexity, the postmark on such letters is generally blurred into illegibility. This is especially annoying in fraternity correspondence, which is usually either filed for future refrence or forwarded from one chapter to another or from one Council member to another for general discussion and action. Consideration for our correspondents demands that we return to orthodox methods, in fraternity letters at least, and write legibly at the beginning, where they may be readily found and never carelessly omitted, the date and the address.

> Laura H. Norton, President of Delta District.

THE FRATERNITY IDEA IN CANADA

The fraternity system has by no means as strong a hold in Canada as in the United States. It is natural that it should not have yet, for the conditions here are very different from those across the border. The country is newer and more undeveloped, the universities much less numerous and the proportion of university men and women smaller. For all these reasons the need for fraternity life is not nearly so strongly felt. Yet in our two most prominent universities, McGill and Toronto, fraternities are an important factor of student life, although fraternity conditions are not as yet very complicated.

They are a comparatively recent development, although Zeta Psi entered Toronto nearly thirty years ago. In those days, and indeed, until very recently, fraternities in general were much opposed to the idea of becoming international, and the group of students who could win a charter from an American fraternity were sure to be strong in every way. In 1883 Zeta Psi entered McGill also, and until 1892 that far sighted fraternity had the finest material in both colleges. Then Kappa Alpha entered Toronto, and in a few years the Greek world awoke to the fact that Canada was a most promising field, and expansion in that direction meant added strength. Now the proportion of fraternity men in the student body at McGill and Toronto is as great as in the average American college.

Sorority material is not nearly so abundant, for it is not yet the accepted thing for a Canadian girl to go to college, and she is likely to be regarded as a bluestocking if she does. But every year the number increases, and every year the position of the college woman is improving. Toronto is the only university where sororities can be said to flourish. There are locals in the other colleges, but they are weak, and poorly organized as a rule—having failed to grasp the fraternity idea through lack of knowledge and example. In Toronto, however, we have two internationals. Our own Kappa Alpha Theta was the pioneer in coming to Canada, as she was the pioneer of woman's fraternities in America. Twenty years ago she founded a chapter here, but at that time women in Toronto were struggling to

justify themselves for daring to enter college at all. They were very few and very studious, and sorority material was scarce. The girls who constituted the chapter realized how difficult it would be to keep up the Theta standard, and in 1888 they regretfully surrendered their charter. It was not until 1902 that the local organization was formed, and three years later we were successful in having the chapter reestablished. For a year we were the only international sorority in Canada, but in 1906 Alpha Phi granted a charter to a strong group of girls here, and now we even have a Pan-Hellenic. The bond between Canadian and American college men and women is thus becoming stronger with each year.

Jessie C. MacCurdy, Sigma.

ALPHA ZETA'S ALUMNAE ORGANIZATION

Perhaps some of the chapters might be interested to hear of the close relations betwen the active and alumnæ members of Alpha Zeta. In this matter conditions at Barnard approach the ideal more closely than is possible in chapters located in out-of-town colleges.

Most of the Barnard Thetas are town girls. Though the chapter is not very old in years there is, nevertheless, a large number of loyal Thetas living in and near New York City. About three years ago some of the recent graduates who had been most earnest workers for the chapter in undergraduate days, realized that there was still a great deal they might do for the active chapter, and that much better results come from united action than from individual effort. They decided to try the formation of a kind of alumnæ auxiliary club, and the Alpha Zeta Alumnæ Association was organized, whose sole aim is to aid the active chapter. This organization holds a business and social meeting once a

month just before the monthly meeting of Gamma Alumnæ. There is a standing investigation committee whose chairman is to keep in touch with the undergraduates, learn their needs, and report them to the association.

Thus organized, the alumnæ have shown their loyalty in ways which have been a real help. Two years ago they gave the chapter several pieces of much-needed furniture for their apartment. The next year they gave the most successful rushing party of the season at the home of one of the graduates. This year again they arranged a pleasant entertainment for the freshmen.

In other ways, too, the alumnæ have done a great deal. Last year the chapter was very small. The president was empowered, when appointing committees for work which did not concern actual chapter business, to select on the committees alumnæ as well as active members, in order that they might offer suggestions as to policy, or help with the routine detail work so necessary in connection with many committees. Social affairs, such as the annual chapter birth-day party, were often handed over to the charge of an alumna who made arangements with the advice of the chapter. Then, too, the alumnæ have been very generous in giving the use of their homes for chapter meetings, initiations and entertaining.

From the experience of Alpha Zeta it seems that there are a great many advantages to be gained by having the Theta graduates who live near their college organize, whether or not there is a Kappa Alpha Theta alumnæ chapter in the same town. The alumnæ keep in closer touch with the active chapter and with changing college conditions, know the new girls earlier and better, and have a keen interest in chapter affairs. The active girls have a tangible body to which to apply for help and advice.

The organization formed by the alumnæ of a chapter is, of course, entirely different in duties and aims from an alumnæ chapter of the fraternity. Many Alpha Zetas are

members of Gamma Alumnæ of New York City, but they also still want to keep up the old associations with the active girls and work for them in ways that Gamma Alumnæ as a body could not very well do. The organized graduates of a chapter simply form a strong pillar to support, help and advise the younger Thetas, and by strengthening their chapter they will help to strengthen the national fraternity.

Helen W. Cooley, Alpha Zeta.

NU ALUMNAE'S ACTIVITY

At a recent banquet at which members of Chi and of Nu Alumnæ chapters were present, one of the members of Nu Alumnæ said, "The main purpose of our organizing ourselves into a chapter, was that we might be of more help to Chi, for we remember our own active chapter days, when we used to sigh for an organized body of alumnæ to stand behind and help us."

With such an organized body of alumnæ, and with such a spirit of helpfulness in that body, who would not look for great results? And the results are beginning to come.

First of all, Nu Alumnæ has appointed a committee of three, who are to act with a committee appointed by Chi, from among her own members, as a joint rushing committee. This body has a regular monthly time for meeting, at which meeting the rushing problems are talked over. One important function of the alumnæ half of the committee is that of looking up girls who are intending to come to college the next year, and giving the active girls information about them. As the members of Nu Alumnæ keep in touch by correspondence with Chi's alumnæ in various cities, they are naturally in a better position to find out about sub-freshmen than are the girls of Chi themselves.

Besides this committee of three, every one of the alumnæ chapter is deeply interested in the rushing, and they evinced their interest this year by several times entertaining in their own homes members of Chi and their friends in the freshman class—a service for which Chi wishes to express her sincere appreciation.

Another useful committee in Nu Alumnæ chapter is the house committee. The duties of this committee are to have an oversight, in a very general way, of the running of the chapter house and of the table, to help in procuring servants for the house when necessary, and to offer the helpful suggestions which they, as housekeepers in their own homes, can make to inexperienced girls.

In addition to acting on these two committees there are many other little ways in which the alumnæ are expressing their desire to help, and their interest in the active girls, and their love for the chapter, still as strong as ever. Yet they consider themselves merely an advisory board, leaving the real action and responsibility to the girls themselves, that, by the solving of their own problems, and the bearing of their own burdens, they may become strong and capable and courageous women.

ELIZABETH A. FEWSMITH, Chi

A THETA LOVING CUP

A little custom that has become dear to the hearts of Epsilon Alumnæ and Alpha Gamma girls, we want to share with other Thetas. At the May banquet each year, the seniors present to our circle some gift which is useful to the fraternity. Last year a beautiful silver loving-cup was the delight of our hearts. It was initiated upon that festive occasion, each girl drinking to the health and prosperity of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Using the cup on purely fraternity occasions is not all. The suggestion that each Theta bride in the future use the loving-cup at her bridal table met with hearty approval. This has been a year for brides—thus value and sentiment have already been added. Such a loving-cup is a joy forever!

Edith Carlisle Corner, Epsilon Alumnae.

THE SORORITY HANDBOOK

Every sorority girl will find in this thorough-going little handbook just the information she needs for an intelligent outlook upon the Greek-letter organizations as they exist among women to-day.

Following a chapter on "The Higher Education of Women," the author views her subject first from the standpoint of the conditions that led up to the founding of the first secret societies among women, their evolution and mission. She next considers each sorority individually, giving authoritative statistical facts as to date of founding, members composing the grand council, chapter roll, total membership, active membership, description of badge, colors, whistle, etc. The honorary societies that admit women are treated similarly.

A feature that enhances the reference value of the book is the statistical data offered for sixty-nine co-educational institutions that admit Greek-letter organizations and whose standards are high enough to warrant the granting of charters.

Certainly the little volume with its nutshell information is worth the modest price of seventy-five cents. (Published by the author, Ida Shaw Martin, "Iveagh Park," Bay State Road, Canton, Mass.)

THE WOMAN'S GYMNASIUM AT BROWN

The new gymnasium for women at Brown University, of the dedication of which a notice was printed in the last

Journal, is one of the finest of its kind in the East, and far surpassing Lyman gymnasium of the men's college in Brown. It has been given the name of "Sayles Gymnasium," in honor of the donor, Mr. Frank Sayles, of Pawtucket, R. I., whose gift of fifty thousand dollars came as a total surprise.

The exterior is of red brick with white trimmings. The gymnasium proper is about seventy-five feet long and forty feet wide, and is surrounded by a gallery running track. It is finished in light brick and stained oak, and is lighted not only by windows on the ground floor and in the gallery, but also by a skylight. In the basement are eighty dressing-rooms, about thirty shower and needle baths, a lavatory, bath tub and two bowling alleys, the gift of the alumnæ of the college. On the same floor with the main hall is a recitation room, an office for the instructor in gymnastics and a rest room for the students. A large lecture room, which may sometime be used for a laboratory, and another recitation room occupy this part of the building on the second floor.

Dreaded "gym" has become a pleasure looked forward to and participated in with enthusiasm. Our gratitude to Mr. Sayles for his gift, which is a memorial to his mother and sister, is unbounded, and those of us who have seen the building grow to completion, heard the dedicatory speeches and taken part in the first events in the new "gym" would not willingly have missed the experience.

BLANCHE L. SMITH, '07.

Alpha Epsilon.

COLLEGE BREVITIES

The new College Women's Club in Nashville, organized several months ago by Dr. Lillian Johnson, has justified the approval with which the project was first entertained. Two of its main objects were to stimulate the desire for a college education among preparatory students and to do what it could toward getting dormitories for the girls of Vanderbilt University and Peabody Normal College. Two Theta alumnæ are active in this work, and plans for a boarding-place for the college girls are being considered. Alpha Eta hopes that the results may help solve her house problem by furnishing a place for meals near which her chapter house might be located.

For some years Kappa chapter has been raising a memorial fund for the purpose of starting a small library in memory of May Sexton Agnew, a Theta of this chapter who married a lieutenant in the United States army and died a short time after in the Philippines. A place in the university library has been set aside, in which to keep the books, and the chapter is now investigating the matter of bookplates and bookplate artists. It is their hope to secure a bookplate designed by Spencely, the foremost living artist in this line.

The Self-Government association at the University of Wisconsin has been instrumental, through its executive board, in securing and fitting up two additional rooms for rest and study for the use of the women students. The rooms are large and artistically, as well as comfortably, furnished with study-tables, sofas, easy-chairs and pictures, the latter having all been presented by the various women's organizations of the university. A long-felt want has thus been filled and the university women rejoice that they have secured these advantages themselves through their Self-Government Association.

Διαλεγώμεθα

"College or Finishing School?"

The American college for women has passed the stage when it was practically a technical school preparing girls for teaching, and has become an institution for training young women for life. This leads us to ask if the colleges to-day do meet the needs of all or of the vast majority of women. Perhaps I can make clear my point by telling of a woman of great wealth and broad social influence who was practically the founder of a college for women and who is now a loyal friend financially, as well as by personal interest and attention, to that college. She debated long whether or not she should send her own daughter to college, but finally, when last I heard, had decided to send her to a finishing school instead. To her it seemed that the finishing school would best fit her daughter for her particular position in life.

There is, then, the question of the finishing school and the needs that it satisfies, for us who believe in college education for women to consider. It is evident that in the families of a certain wealth and culture standard, all the sons go to college, while the sisters of these men go some to college, some to finishing schools. To many of us who feel that we owe to our college training the insight into and the intelligent interest in the great problems of the world, who value the realms of thought it has opened for us, the claims of a finishing school for consideration seem very slight. If we must decide between the college as it is to-day and the finishing school, the answer is overwhelmingly in favor of the college. May we not, however, con-

sider whether or not the college might profitably take some of the functions of a finishing school?

I remember hearing a college president say, "Oh, if only I could teach the girls to lower and soften their voices!" This is a humble example of what a finishing school can do and does for a woman whose life object is to be a charming matron in her own house. Surely no one will question the fact that the little niceties of life are very important to a woman, and it may very well be that the only way to create an atmosphere that will develop such niceties is through the society of girls who have such. I once heard a professor of education say that a wealthy man who wanted to endow in a certain college a chair of good manners came to him and asked how to do it. "Import some well-bred people and let them circulate. That is the only way I know of to accomplish your object," the professor replied.

Many of us can assert from experience that the colleges have drawn largely from the best-bred in the land. Many can bear witness to the development of an individual girl, through experience in college social life, from a most timid, awkward freshman into a charming hostess as chairman of a senior class committee. More of us will add our testimony that the college-bred women we know are among the most charming women we meet; but this does not answer the question, "Are our colleges to-day doing all that is possible to fit our young women for life?"

Colleges for women are, after all, on a different footing from colleges for men, for the latter are merely for preliminary training. Men go from the college into business or into the professional schools for further training. A girl who graduates from college is old enough, or very nearly old enough, to marry. College gives her her final preparation for life. A famous Englishman has answered the question, "What specialty does Oxford stand for?" by

saying "Oxford teaches an English gentleman to be a gentleman." So our American colleges must teach our girls to be gentlewomen. But as the splendid achievements of Oxford come as well from the fact that Oxford gets the best blood of England, as from the Oxford training, those of us who have faith in the movement of college education for women are looking forward to the time when the American colleges for women shall get the best of American young womanhood and all of the best, because they are able to offer a perfectly satisfactory training for life.

ADELAIDE HOFFMAN MARVIN.

College Versus Fraternity

Is it out of place in a fraternity journal to make a plea for the college instead of the fraternity and to head it with as heretical a caption as the above? Fraternity ideals are always emphasized, but what of college ideals and needs, as such? After all its interests are yours, and yours is a double duty toward it because it has enabled you to be a student and something besides. The prime object of going to college is really to study—you can have society elsewhere, you may hold office elsewhere, or, if you desire merely the fraternal element you may join a club elsewhere, but nowhere else may you find the atmosphere for mental exercise made so pleasant, so easy, and so natural.

The whole is more important than any one part. A magnifying of the office of the fraternity will bring about the inevitable reaction which will result in crushing the fraternity. The pendulum can swing just so far, else it is entirely displaced. It rests with undergraduate Greeks. By an attitude which will view and estimate things in their true proportion they can be an influence for good in both college and fraternity affairs, or by an attitude of narrowness they can disintegrate the loyalty of a whole institution and bring into disfavor the whole fraternity idea. *Nobless oblige*.

The Wearing of the Pin

It seems timely to say a word to the alumnæ of Kappa Alpha Theta with regard to the matter of wearing the pin. Those of us who have become engrossed in domestic, social or professional duties may find ourselves growing somewhat careless in this respect. As our undergraduate memories gradually grow dim, we are likely to deem it unnecessary to wear the badge which meant the most to us in our college career. But even this seemingly small thing of wearing the pin is a token of interest and loyalty which the fraternity can not dispense with. It is thus that we manifest to others the strength of the bond of our fraternity and make good the assertion which must be true from the very nature of our organization that Kappa Alpha Theta means more and more to us as the years pass on.

Simple Rushing

Almost any girl who has weathered a season of rushing will tell you you she "hates rushing and rush-parties," and if the season is very recent, she will even add, "and subfreshmen!" Now, just why is a rush-party such a bore? Theoretically it should be very delightful—a whole afternoon with Theta sisters and girls one hopes to have for sisters some day. In practice, however, it degenerates into an exhibition of our own talents; we are so anxious for the sub-freshmen to have a good time that we wear ourselves out saying clever things, singing songs, and the like, while our guests gather in a huddled group and watch us. Since we have rush-parties to become acquainted with the sub-freshmen, would it not be better, instead of carrying on a variety show of ourselves, to draw out our guests about themselves, their schools, their pleasures? A quiet talk on college subjects, the planning of a course, or a little first-hand information about professors, how much freshmen-to-be would appreciate it, while we would have the pleasure of imparting information on a subject with which we are thoroughly familiar. Surely, in this way we would come to know them better; and if we did not feel the responsibility of a vaudeville performance on our shoulders, we ourselves would have a jollier time.

ALPHA EPSILON.

Commencement Kymn

Mappa Alpha Theta,
Me, thy daughters, raise
Here before thy altar
A parting song of praise.
College life is ended,
And we owe to thee
Thanks for many a blessing
Given full and free.

Thanks for friendships tender Ties made firm and true We stand joined forever All life's partings through. Thanks for love that strengthened, When in grief untold We recalled the message Of the black and gold.

For the thoughts that cluster 'Round our pansy flower, Making sweet the memory Of each precious hour. With new vows and holy To our sisterhood dear, We renew our promise For each after year.

And in future trials,
We shall strengthened be
By thy noble precepts—
Our Fraternity.
Kappa Alpha Theta,
We, thy daughters, raise
Here before thy altar
A parting song of praise.

Alpha Beta.

IN MEMORIAM

It was with the deepest sorrow that Lambda chapter received news of the death of Josephine Morris, 'oo, of Webster, Massachusetts. She had been spending some time in California and was apparently recovering her health when the relapse came and she died in January at San Diego.

Miss Morris was strong and influential in Christian work, in college and fraternity life; and in her death, Lambda loses one whose warm heart, generous disposition and true womanhood, gained for her the admiration and respect of all.

A second time since the beginning of the new year has Lambda been called upon to mourn the death of an alumna. On February 21, Mrs. Ida May Fuller Thurston, of the class of '94, died at her home in Lincoln, Vermont, after an illness long and painful, but one borne with true Christian patience and fortitude. Ever a loyal Theta, though in recent years prevented by illness and numerous cares from active participation in fraternity matters, her interest in Lambda was always keen. To those of our alumnæ who knew her in her college days, her death comes as a shock, and brings with it a distinct sense of loss.

In the death of Louise Bunnell Keeler, '90, February 5, Omega lost one of its most loved and loyal members.



CHICAGO BEACH HOTEL—CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

SEVENTEENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

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The station of the Illinois Central and the Rapid Transit trains, running from five to ten minutes apart, is just a step

from the hotel entrance.

Hotel Rates

The rates are \$2.50 per day, per person, two in a room, American plan. Rooms with private bath may be had for \$1.00 extra per person. This rate is for visitors as well as for delegates.

Banquet tickets will be \$2.00.

All visitors should engage their hotel accommodations not later than June 10. Address

MR. RICHARD M. GRAY. Manager Chicago Beach Hotel, Chicago, III.

Delegates' Hotel Bills

Hotel bills will be paid for delegates from July 2, after breakfast, to July 6, after breakfast.

Mail

All mail for delegates and visitors should be addressed Chicago Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, Kappa Alpha Theta Convention.

Railroad Rates

Owing to the two-cent rate bills pending in the legislatures of several states, the Central Passenger Association has refused

to take any action before their May meeting on our application for convention rates. This probably means that no special convention rates will be granted for this year. Such bills have already passed the legislatures of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska and Iowa and a bill for two-cent rate is now pending in Illinois. Should this bill pass, we shall have practically a two-cent rate for most of our delegates and visitors. This is the same thing as the fare and a third, which is the usual rate granted on the certificate plan, for small conventions.

Special Instructions

How to reach the Chicago Beach Hotel

The Chicago Beach Hotel is located on the lake at the foot of Fifty-first street and is two blocks from the Hyde Park (Fifty-third street) station of the Illinois Central Railroad.

Delegates are urged to plan their journeys so as to arrive in Chicago during the daylight hours, as it will be impossible to

meet incoming trains at downtown stations.

Delegates coming in at the Chicago and Northwestern station, the Union station, the LaSalle street station, the Polk street station, or the Grand Central (Harrison street) station, should transfer in Parmelee Transfer Co. busses, or in cabs, to the Illinois Central Suburban station and take the Suburban train to Hyde Park (Fifty-third street). These trains run every twenty minutes, or oftener during rush hours.

Delegates arriving over the Illinois Central Railroad (with the exception of the western division, known as the Omaha, Sioux City, Sioux Falls and St. Paul road); the Michigan Central; the Grand Rapids and Indiana; the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville, or the Big Four, will come in on the Illinois Central tracks, and should check baggage to Hyde Park station and leave the train at Hyde Park instead of going on to the main station down town. Delivery wagons for baggage will be found at the station.

It has been deemed unnecessary to meet the suburban trains, as the hotel is plainly visible from the car windows and also from Hyde Park station.

Baggage

Baggage checks should be given to the transfer man on the train, for delivery of baggage to the Chicago Beach Hotel. All deliveries are by wagon, as suburban trains carry no baggage.

Convention Program

Tuesday, July 2, 2 P. M.—Opening session.

Tuesday Evening-Informal Reception, Delta Alumnæ Hostesses.

Wednesday, July 3, 9 A. M.—Convention session.

Wednesday Afternoon, at Evanston—Reception by Dean Potter, Willard Hall. Return by trolley to Lincoln Park and take launch for hotel (weather permitting).

Thursday, 9 A. M.—Convention session.

Thursday Evening-Convention dance, Tau chapter, Hostesses.

Friday, 9. A. M.—Convention session.

Friday, 2 P. M.—Closing session.

Friday Evening-Convention banquet.

EDITORIALS

Convention spirit seems to be in the very air. It has reached active and alumnæ Thetas alike, and, judging from the enthusiasm apparent in numerous recent letters, a goodly delegation can be depended upon from every one of the twenty-seven chapters.

Once in two years this call comes, and it means that both younger and older Thetas find it not to be resisted. And then, too, convention is such a leveler of age distinction! At the opening reception we chime in on the line from Holmes:

"We're twenty, we're twenty! Who says we are more?" and do it in spite of the fact that eighteen is known to be among us.

Active girls who have never attended a convention, come and meet your older Theta sisters, learn what united Theta spirit means, feel for the first time the splendid inspiration of Theta triumphant as she marshalls her forces into convention order.

Alumnæ girls who have cultivated the convention habit, come again to see what improvement the younger sisters have made upon the methods that obtained last year and the year before, even back to the old days. Come, too, to show the same younger Thetas that there was some character-growing done in the old days which even modern methods cannot improve.

If anyone stays away, there will be a vacant place which no one can fill. Come, and prove that the week's round of good times will grow into memories to be cherished for a life time.

Justina Leavitt Wilson,

Beta Alumnae.

The KAPPA ALPHA THETA enjoys the rare privilege, in this number, of making the first public announcement as to the real authorship of "Confessions to a Heathen Idol," a book which, since its publication last fall, has delighted a host of readers. Marion Lee is in real life Anna Botsford Comstock, who is an alumna of Iota chapter, and is the wife of Professor Comstock of Cornell University, an etomologist of national repute. Mrs. Comstock's abilities are indeed wide, as most of us are aware, for she has made a name for herself not only as a writer, but as a wood engraver and a lecturer on nature study in university extension work. Her latest book, "Confessions to a Heathen Idol," is notable both for its originality of conception and its perfection of technique. It forms the subject of an article elsewhere in this number, but we wish to express here the pleasure it is to welcome this new and splendid addition to Theta's bookshelf.

We learn within a week that Theta has added another literary name to her roll. Elizabeth Miller, author of "The Yoke" and "Saul of Tarsus," has re-entered Butler College and been pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. Her initiation was a state event for the Thetas of the Indiana chapters.

A wrong impression has evidently been current that it is necessary to have a college diploma in order to be eligible to membership in alumnæ chapters. No alumnæ organization should, or so far as we can ascertain, has made such a restriction, in its by-laws. Certainly the constitution does not impose such a one and it is hoped that such an erroneous opinion may be soon corrected.

NOTICE

We are glad to announce the establishment of what may very rightly be called a "Kappa Alpha Theta Journal Exchange," which will constitute a clearinghouse for back numbers of the Journal, and thus assist chapters in making their files complete. Mr. Mary M. Deyett, Shelburne, Vermont, has been most kind in offering to take charge of this matter and with the full co-operation of all members, results can be very expeditiously and satisfactorily accomplished. Each chapter is, therefore, asked to send to Mrs. Deyett two separate lists, one of numbers wanted and another of duplicates to give away. Individual Thetas, who have copies which they will give to chapters, are requested to send in a list of such numbers.

Mrs. Deyett will reimburse those sending Journals to her for the amount of postage or expressage and asks chapters to reimburse her for double the amount of postage on magazines supplied to them. In this way the burden of the expense falls on those chapters benefited.

It should be noted that volumes X and XI had only three numbers each and that the February number of volume X should be the second of that volume, although it bears on its cover No. 1.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA-CORNELL UNIVERSITY

I wonder if all Thetas are as busy as we are, and anticipating as keenly the Easter recess. No matter how busy we may be all through the year, spring is the busiest and the best time of all.

Class "stunts" have taken our especial attention. The seniors gave "Rip Van Winkle," and Rip was a jolly good fellow. The whole play was full of humor and every one enjoyed it keenly. Later the juniors gave us a change by the graceful and artistic presentation of Tennyson's "Princess," with Edna Mertz in the title role.

The class basketball games were played in the Armory on Thursday evening, March 14. The freshmen and sophomores played a tie game and so agreed to extend the time a few minutes, the freshmen winning the game as a result. On March 19, the juniors won the class championship from the freshmen. Each class marched to the Armory bearing a banner with its numerals. Songs and yells for the occasion were printed for each class.

Spring vacation will be a welcome rest from which we shall return prepared for more work and play.

MARY PRESTON.

LAMBDA-UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

One of the chief events in the history of our chapter since the last letter, was the coming of Miss Mary I. Bentley, a Theta from Omega, as the leading speaker in the Y. W. C. A. convention held here the middle of February. She won our hearts at once and her influence for good must long be felt among us. On one evening of her stay,

we of Lambda had the great pleasure of having her with us at an informal supper at the home of one of our girls. There we learned of the traditions and customs of the University of California. Ask us about "the axe" and the senior promenade, and see if we did not have good instruction concerning these things.

Just now we are anxious over the critical condition of a pledged freshman who was not initiated in the fall. Muriel Goodwin is seriously ill at her home at Wells River.

During the past two months there have been some interesting college gatherings. On the night of February 27, the faculty ladies entertained the college body at a Longfellow costume party in the gymnasium. There was held at our college, in early March, the second conference of the schools of Vermont with the university. In conjunction with this, there was the meeting of the Vermont section of the New England Classical Association. Just now athletics are claiming our interest, as there has very lately been held the interclass track meet in which the freshmen were victorious. For the past year informal baseball, football, and basketball hops have been given in the gymnasium, the proceeds of these being used toward the support of the different athletic teams. These dances have proved successful both financially and socially.

Now we are about to part for the Easter recess. After that there will be, besides the routine college work, the festivities of junior week, late in April, the observance of Founder's day on May 1, and later in June, our commencement. Then follows, for the few favored Thetas, the inspiration of the national convention.

MARY ROBINSON.

SIGMA-TORONTO UNIVERSITY

That examinations are less than one month away is the thought that is filling the minds not only of Sigma but of the whole University. The April cram has begun, and for some of us the fact that it is the last time makes it both harder and easier. Five graduate this year from the chapter and are looking forward mournfully to the coming year as a collegeless one. The first of the festivities connected with graduation was the delightful dinner given by Professor and Mrs. Squair, on March 20, to the class graduating in French and to some of the faculty.

The Woman's Literary Society gave an afternoon dance in February which was a most enjoyable affair. Edith Van der Smissen being president, we felt a certain responsibility and pride in it on that account. In March the open meeting of the society was held in the Margaret Eton School of Expression and was a brilliant success. Many people were turned away and standing-room was at a premium. A short Greek play and a Greek dance in which two Thetas took part were the chief characteristics of the entertainment and both were excellent.

The elections of the various societies have all been held, and we are proud that Helen Thomson is to be president of the Y. W. C. A. next year, and that we have four girls on the athletic board.

We spent a very enjoyable afternoon, last month, at Ruth Bertram's, one of our alumnæ when her baby boy Ronald came in for his full share of attention as being the first Sigma baby. A round-robin is circulating among the alumnæ, and we are eagerly looking forward to its return from Norah Thompson in England, which was to be the last stage of its journey.

Mono McLaughlin has returned from New York, where she paid a visit to Barnard and saw the Thetas there. However, the majority of us hope to see Thetas from far and near at convention in July, and are looking impatiently forward to that happy time.

BERTA BASTEDO, '07.

CHI-SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

When we of Chi stop to think over what we can give for an account of ourselves, the one great and momentous thing is our '10 delegation. After the four weeks of "no rushing" came two weeks of unlimited rushing, then, on February 19, pledge day. March 8 and 9 we initiated and banqueted four freshmen girls whom we believed worthy of wearing our badge: Edna Ackerman, of Bay City, Michigan; Winifred Buck, of Bucksport, Maine; Amy Hendricks, of Kingston, New York, and Ethel Northrup, of Syracuse.

Before I get too far away I must tell you of our latest pledgling, who is so much one and a part of our freshman class that her name must be near theirs, Clara Terwilliger, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, who was pledged last week. So you see we have had two kinds of pledging this year, one after long and protracted rushing, the other in the way that the "old girls" tell us about. We are ready to tell you of our ideas about a long season at convention this summer—for as many of us as possible are going. In theory we are just as anxious as ever for the ideal long rushing season, but in practise with a Pan-Hellenic of eleven members it is almost impossible to make rules which will be accepted and still restrict. We are very much interested to know what next year's contract will be.

Just now the girls are packing trunks and suit-cases for the Easter vacation, and only four of us will be left in the house. This week brings also the "Fake Show," the big extravaganza given biennially by the Fine Arts Fakirs. This time the scheme is Egyptian, including a comic opera, "Pharoah's Phate," and "The Streets of Cairo." Virginia Emmons, one of our seniors, is the queen of the carnival, which is by far the cleverest in the history of "fake shows."

We have been most unfortunate in the loss of two of our strongest girls. Maud Merritt, '07, and Elizabeth Tennant, '08, have been obliged to leave college on account of ill health. The former, however, will graduate with her class in June.

When you read this we shall be in the midst of our moving-up-day festivities, preparatory to the final busy season before commencement, which promises to be unusually interesting this year on account of the English Club's openair presentation of Milton's "Comus."

I wish there were time to tell of our plans for the spring, of the musical treats that we have enjoyed, of our little chapter interests, but we must wait until we see you face to face and share with you the wonderful experiences of convention.

EDITH W. ACKERMAN.

ALPHA BETA-SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

After the hurry of mid-semester examinations, gymnasium contests, glee club concerts and receptions that always end the long winter's work, Alpha Beta welcomed the spring vacation with a thankful sigh of relief, and now we look forward to Somerville day (dear to every Swarthmore girl), practise for the senior play, "Midsummer Night's Dream," and best of all the lovely spring days, promising long walks beside the shady Crum and dreamy hours on the old campus.

For three Alpha Betas these days will pass all too quickly, too soon will come the separation from our college home and friends, and unconsciously a note of sadness mingles with our joy as we hear the familiar Theta whistle echoing through the halls and realize the short time we shall answer to its call. May these spring months be to all the chapters the very happiest of the college year, and to all senior Thetas a source of strength and encouragement for the most joyous dreams of their untried future.

Julia Yerkes Atkinson.

ALPHA DELTA-WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure and privilege of a visit from our district president, Miss Lippincott. We were greatly helped by her criticisms and suggestions which she gave to us in a most loyal and sincere way.

In our college life there have been several events of great interest. There was the seniors' presentation of the opera "Robin Hood," the glee and mandolin club concerts and the juniors' entertainment of the freshmen by a series of tableaux representing a girl's life from babyhood on to a senior in college. All three of these affairs were very successful and brought many of the alumnæ back for short visits.

In just a few weeks the round of functions in honor of the seniors will begin and then will come commencement After that we go down on the eastern shore of Maryland for our house-party, and it is one of the happiest times of all. We spend a whole week together, playing tennis, rowing, swimming and getting sunburned. It is a splendid opportunity for getting to know those of our alumnæ whom we are so fortunate to have with us at that time.

We suppose the topic of conversation in all chapters at present is the examination. Alpha Delta is hoping to raise her standing this year and thus help to raise the general average.

We are looking forward with much interest to our convention, when those of us who are so fortunate as to be able to go hope to meet many of our Theta sisters. Let's all make a great effort to be there and make it the grandest of our grand conventions.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

When we read in the March Journal that some Theta sisters were just taking their mid-years we could not help envying them, for we have to take examinations three times a year. We have just finished our second set and are starting in on our third term's work.

The Women's College has lately received a much-appreciated and timely gift. Brown women have always felt the need of an attractive campus, for at present they are driven to the spacious front steps of Pembroke Hall to get students and are so crowded on pleasant days that members of the faculty have remarked upon the difficulty of surmounting them, they are hardly an ideal substitute for a campus. Mr. Stephen O. Metcalf has given us a strip of land which lies between the lot on which the college buildings are situated and another lot belonging to the college. It will soon be cleared of the unsightly tenement house and barn which now disfigure it and will be made into a pleasant back campus.

On Washington's birthday the active chapter met at Harriet Hoyle's house and played historical guessing games which gave us an opportunity to display our knowledge or ignorance of American history, principally the latter. After our last supper we indulged in the time-honored occupation of telling ghost stories in the dark, much to the discomfort of some timid Thetas who insisted on turning on the lights at the first opportunity.

The alumnæ club in Providence is trying a new plan for keeping the alumnæ and active chapters in touch with each other. It is inviting the active chapter, one class at a time, to its meetings. The freshmen and sophomores have already enjoyed this hospitality, and the juniors and seniors are anticipating their turns. By this arrangement the alumnæ have an opportunity of getting better acquainted with the undergraduates, and the active girls get some idea of alumnæ work.

We appreciate the truth of the old saying, "You never miss the water till the well runs dry," when we realize how

soon the seniors leave us. We sympathize heartily with all Theta sisters who will lose their tried and trusted seniors.

RUTH L. FOSTER.

ALPHA ZETA-BARNARD COLLEGE

I think that our sister chapters everywhere will be glad to hear that Alpha Zeta's long period of rushing is at last over, and on the second of April, we pledged two freshmen, Nathalie Thorne and Ethel Shaw. It may seem strange to many chapters that after six months of such hard work, we should want only two girls, but Thetas at Barnard have always found conservatism the best policy to follow. However, we are not altogether satisfied with the excessively long "rush" and hope soon to see that and the many unnatural restrictions set by Pan-Hellenic somewhat modified. Another girl whom we have just recently pledged is Leonora Armstrong, '08, who, because of long friendship with graduate Thetas, we feel will help us very much in our work of next year.

On Tuesday, March 19, all Alpha Zetas, both active and alumnæ, met at the house of one of our girls, to celebrate our ninth chapter birthday. It was a merry party indeed, with songs, jokes and all the other little incidents which always attend a reunion of Thetas. I think not one of us who was there that night can help regretting that chapter birthday parties, in the natural course of events, can come but once a year.

LEE ALEXANDER.

Beta District

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

This is the last word we may have with our Theta sisters before the long-looked-for convention in Chicago, where so many of our girls are expecting to meet you all. Alpha is especially rejoicing at the location of the convention this year, as a great number of the girls live in northern Indiana, and we are hoping to send a large representation.

Just now everything in Greencastle is putting on a fresh, green dress with trimmings of pale pink and white blossoms. This makes a beautiful setting for the last term for our nine graduates. The seniors have just made their formal appearance in cap and gown. This first appearance is made quite an event in DePauw and is the occasion for much class rivalry. As the seniors mounted the platform to sing their class song, the juniors lowered an effigy (scarcely patterned after senior dignity) from the balcony. But appreciation of a good joke did not ruin the song.

Since we came back from vacation the active chapter has been charmingly entertained by the alumnæ chapter, at "Ridpath Place," the home of Mrs. Weik. The date of the party was April first, and the proverbial "April fool" came in the form of a surprise trousseau shower for one of our seniors, Eula White, who is to be married in June.

This term has brought us several changes. Helen Reckert and Jess Riley will be with us again, and from among our number we shall miss Elizabeth Bohn, who is unable to be in college.

Since the last letter the DePauw student body has been notified of the completion of the Campbell fund, in which the people of Indiana have been much interested. This has meant an enormous undertaking on the part of Mr. Campbell, the results of whose labors will be appreciated for years to come. It is rumored that during commencement week the corner stone of DePauw's new library will be laid.

To us, one of the most enjoyable events of last term, was in the opportunity we had to entertain our district president, Miss Barnaby. We regretted the brevity of her visit, but rejoiced in the fact that she was pleased with the progress of our chapter.

Our nine seniors, Lewis Pigman, Gertrude Free, Stella Worthington, Emily Gould, Clarabelle Hood, Elizabeth Dougherty, Mabel O' Hair, Frances Wales and Eula White,

take this opportunity to bid farewell to the chapters as well as to send best wishes to you all for future prosperity.

BETA-UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

After a week's vacation the girls of Beta are again "at home" at the chapter house. It does truly seem like a homecoming, because two of our sisters who were not with us last term are here again. We found that our house and lawn had had a general spring cleaning, but it was left to us to hang pictures and clean curtains, and to give to the house its usual homelike appearance. We hope this spring to accomplish much with our lawn, for flower seeds of various kinds, and vines have been planted. Every one is looking forward to the time when the university buildings can be seen only dimly through the dense foliage. And this will not be long, for in the spring there are places on our veranda from which one can see nothing but trees on all sides, and where only the chimes remind one that the university is so near.

The last of our winter term went swiftly, and among its enjoyable events was a visit from Miss Josephine Barnaby. We wish that we were not so far removed from the general course of travel, so that we might oftener have the pleasure of entertaining distinguished visitors.

During the winter term we were "at home" each Monday night to the fraternities, one at a time. On Monday night, April 1, we entertained members of different fraternities at a formal dance at the chapter house.

The annual masquerade party given by the Woman's League to its members and patronesses occurred in February at Alpha Hall, Indiana's new dormitory. About four hundred girls were present, and the affair was a great success. Theta has taken a very active interest in the Woman's League this year, fifteen of her members attending this party.

On March 5, the Woman's League presented "The Matchmakers," a farce of college life, under the direction of Mr. Frederick M. Smith, the author, and Miss Louise Goodbody, dean of women, a Theta of Beta chapter. Grace Philputt and Hilda Palmer, both Thetas, took leading parts. The play was the most successful one ever presented by amateurs to an Indiana University audience.

At the "County Fair," held March 9, in the men's gymnasium by the Young Women's Christian Association, each organization of girls in the University had one or two booths. A minstrel show, "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works," fortune-tellers and many booths furnished the entertainment, while policemen, a country band, and "spielers" made the affair very realistic.

Panthegatric, the annual fancy-dress ball given by the sororities and managed by them in rotation, was held at Alpha Hall this year. More than one hundred girls were present, besides numerous alumnæ and guests. Among Theta's guests were Miss Hood, from Alpha chapter, and Miss Smith, Alpha Chi, from DePauw.

The university teas, Woman's League, and Y. W. C. A. parties will continue throughout the spring term. Another "Strut and Fret" play will be given, and also some Morality plays in the old style from wagons. The latter will probably be given on the same afternoon as the "Campus Fete," early in June. At the "Campus Fete," the fraternities and other girls' organizations have booths decorated in their colors and lighted by electricity, where various good things to eat are sold. The proceeds are used to send delegates to the Y. W. C. A. summer conference, which is held at Geneva Lake, Wisconsin.

The "Kite," our yearly humorous publication, will be read at the last meeting this term. As each member of the chapter contributes a part of the material, the labor is light, the style is varied, and the whole affords much amusement.

Beta chapter wishes for all Thetas a happy summer, and hopes that the convention may be the best attended, the most enjoyable and the most helpful in our history.

MARY SNODGRASS.

GAMMA-BUTLER COLLEGE

Gamma chapter is gradually adjusting herself to Theta ways and regulations. We meet occasionally with Zeta Alumnæ and in return some of their members come to our meetings, so that our relations are quite pleasant and helpful, to us, at least. Some of our girls were fortunate in being able to see Miss Barnaby when she made her flying trip through Indianapolis. Mrs. Eichrodt visited the chapter in her behalf.

The friends of Butler College are rejoicing now over the recent addition of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to its endowment funds. The acquisition would, in itself, be a great profit to the college, but negotiations are already started for other sums and the outlook for Butler is unusually bright. Plans which are as yet indefinite, are being considered for taking advantage of the provision in the college charter for a university. Next year improvements will be made about the campus and buildings, the faculty will be enlarged and the college, in every way, will show a material advancement.

We are looking forward joyfully to convention time. Many of us are expecting to be there for two main reasons. In the first place, this will be our first convention and each girl wants to find out for herself by actual experience what a Theta convention is; secondly, the place appointed is so near us that we feel we must take advantage, if possible, of its proximity.

Gamma extends to all Thetas her best wishes for a pleasant vacation and hopes to meet many of them at convention.

LOUISE BROWN.

EPSILON-WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Time for another letter to the Journal, and the last one that is to be written! It does not seem possible that we are entering on the home stretch of our school year.

We have quite a liberal spring vacation this year, and we are enjoying it to the fullest extent, resting and storing up energy with which to meet those inevitable attacks of spring fever.

The winter term has been very quiet, but during the last few weeks there have been several dinner parties given by the different fraternities, and with the opening of the spring things will liven up greatly.

Recently every one was very much interested in an article which appeared in one of our town papers, stating that the faculty were making efforts to keep sororities out of the university next year and giving as their reason the fact that the girls in the sororities had so much more society than those who were not sorority girls. We were quite excited at first, but soon decided that the article had no foundation in fact, and as for thinking of Wooster without the Thetas—that would be impossible.

Great interest has been shown by the student body in the endowment fund which has been promised our university, provided we ourselves raise a certain amount. Over one thousand dollars has already been pledged by the students, and we hope soon to have the entire amount.

June will be here now before we know it and then comes the time of good-byes. The girls of our chapter will be scattered to the four corners of the earth, two going to China, one to California, one to Texas, one to Eastern Pennsylvania, and one to North Carolina, and although we are glad to have June come, it is with sad hearts that we say good-bye, for some of us will not meet again for a long time.

We send our greetings to all our Theta sisters and our best wishes for a pleasant and restful summer.

EDITH LAWRENCE, '09.

ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The first and very pleasant duty of Eta's letter this time, is to introduce to you another Theta, Ada Margaret Jones of San Diego, California, whom we initiated on Saturday evening, March 23. It was indeed a happy occasion and I am sure if you could see and know her that you would be as proud as we are, of our newest sister. Initiation was followed by a dainty supper served on small tables decorated with pansies and lighted by candles. Myra Post Cady, Editha L. Dann, Lois Wilson and Ruth Lowe Woods were here, and helped to make our beautiful evening complete.

It was immediately after examinations that the girls, with our chaperon, Miss Harrison and Mrs. Woods, spent a very delightful day in Detroit. Mrs. Henry Lorenz Obetz of the old Gamma chapter, entertained at luncheon, and Mrs. W. B. Cady, one of our own "old" girls, gave a supper. Ruth Manville, ex-'08, was here at that time for the junior hop, and we all enjoyed our little trip together very much.

Time-honored custom decrees that a sorority girl be chosen to respond to the toast, "Our Boys," at the annual class banquets, and this year Mary White, one of our juniors, did her duty very charmingly at the junior banquet, while a Theta freshman had a similar honor at the freshman banquet.

The freshmen of the sororities have formed an organization with merely social aims, which has proven a very delightful innovation, and for our evening, last Thursday, we gave an Easter party. One thing the guests had to do was to construct their Easter hats, with only gaily colored tissue paper and pins for materials. You can readily imag-

ine the results and the fun, when they wore them to decide which was best.

The Schoolmaster's club of Michigan was in Ann Arbor for three days and brought a great many strangers to town and we were delighted by a call from Miss Weir, a Theta from Beta chapter, who is spending some time in Detroit.

ETHEL OBETZ.

MU-ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Since our last letter to the Journal, Mu has jogged along in much the beaten path of college and fraternity interests. Early in February we gave a farewell dinner to Phoebe Finley, '08, who had to give up college work for this semester. One long table was set, lighted by yellow candles, whose light was mellowed with black and gold shades. Pansies were scattered about, and the place cards bore upon them appropriate limericks or bits of doggerel Though not the occasion for the greatest hilarity, it is one of the sort to knit Thetas closely together.

In the college world some ripple was made by the senior-sophomore banquet. As is usual on such class functions, it was attended by the excitement of rival class intervention and had to be secretly planned and secretly given.

On February 22, the college affair of the year occurred, the Washington's birthday banquet. Always a success, this year there was unusual zest shown in preparation, each class striving to outdo all others in matter of costume. The juniors wore academic gowns of white, the sophomores appeared as a horde of Priscillas and John Aldens, and the freshmen represented George Washington, with a goodly showing of beflowered ladies, courtiers, Indians and slaves.

We were fortunate in having many Thetas back for the banquet. On the Saturday evening following we had a delightful fraternity meeting—enjoying tales of merry pranks, or profiting by the grave advice falling from the lips of our alumnæ.

But, in general, and especially among the freshmen, our time has been devoted to cramming for examination, putting aside plans for fraternity frolic to swallow large portions of fraternity information. Interest is now centered in the convention. Those of us who will be stay-athomes, look forward eagerly to accounts brought to us from abroad, and we earnestly hope and expect this to be the most successful convention ever held.

For a few months then, Mu must say good-bye, with hearty wishes that each Theta may have a "glorious" vacation. To those for whom there will be no "coming back" next year, Mu wishes a true "God speed!" and to those whose minds already see possibilities in rushing, may they have great success.

AMY V. COURTENAY.

PI-ALBION COLLEGE

This, the opening week of the spring term, finds Thetas assembling with renewed vigor for the work ahead, and with strengthened determination to assail valiantly that dread spectre, fraternity examination. We regret very much that Ethel Anthony is not with us this term, as she has been detained at home by the illness of her mother.

Early in February we received the long-anticipated visit from Miss Barnaby. And how much we did enjoy her! In the afternoon, we asked the members of the two other sororities to meet her. But the pleasantest part of her time with us was the evening, when we had fraternity meeting, and could enjoy her all by ourselves. We only regretted that her stay had to be so short.

Several social affairs have claimed Theta's attention since our last letter. An evening that we highly appreciated was the one when we with our gentlemen friends, were entertained at the home of Olah Hill, a member of Alpha Chi Omega. The next week we enjoyed a straw ride to the home of Clara Schaffer.

On February 23, we were at home to the students and faculty of the college, the event being our annual Washington's birthday reception. The old gymnasium was made gay with flags and bunting, while the numerous divans and window seats gave a homelike effect. The girls of the chapter were prettily dressed in colonial costumes. After an informal reception, a short program was given, and the evening closed with an old-time Virginia reel. The following Saturday we entertained at the lodge those young men who had assisted in decorating the "gym." After the supper, served picnic fashion, we witnessed a highly amusing mock wedding. This was followed by a farce in which six of the girls took part. We were glad to have with us two girls from Kalamazoo college.

We feel that we have sustained a loss now that "Ma" Davis has gone to Colorado to live, for she has been a faithful mother to us all. A few weeks before her departure, she gave a dinner for the girls who lived at her home, and several of the young men. The impromptu toasts were amusing, and the Theta songs were jolly, but we were saddened by the thought that "Ma" was so soon to leave us.

Following the usual custom, a mock congress convened on February 22. It is said that the speeches were more brilliant, and the "rubs" wittier, than ever before.

In the state oratorical contest, Albion's representative received second place. We were disappointed that the judges did not see fit to give us first, though I suppose we should feel flattered to come out next to the highest. Now we are looking forward to Field day, which is to be held here early in June.

With best wishes to our sister chapters, and with the hope that we may meet many of you at convention, we close this last letter of the year.

ALPHA GAMMA-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The winter term is over. Friday, March 29, put an end to the midnight oil which has been burning so steadily for a week and the Easter vacation is indeed welcome. Many of our girls are away from us, some returning to their homes, some visiting in other cities.

The short spring months will soon slip past, bringing the long, lazy, summer days. Many of us are looking forward to the convention at the beginning of the summer and we hope to be represented in Chicago by a goodly number.

Alpha Gamma enjoyed a little visit from her district president, Miss Josephine Barnaby, for the week end late in March. She was with us at our weekly meeting and gave us much kindly good advice.

The Pan-Hellenic rulings at Ohio State necessitate early spring rushing. Plans are being formed for that purpose now, and we hope to open the spring term with an informal party, which may bring us in touch with some prospective Ohio State students.

During the month of March we have enjoyed a series of vesper services, held at four o'clock on Sunday afternoon in the University chapel. President Thompson has delivered a splendid address each time. The student body as well as local people have thoroughly enjoyed these vespers. There are to be two more during the month of April.

The Lenten season coming to a close, social events in the college circles are springing into prominence again. The Girls' Glee Club is preparing for its concert, which is to be given early in April. This concert promises to be better than ever before.

A French play is being rehearsed by some of the French students. This is the first attempt to reproduce a play in that language at Ohio State. Two years ago a German play was successfully presented, and last year a

Greek play, so relying on the former successes, we anticipate an excellent rendition of this play.

Alpha Gamma sends a springtime greeting to all her

sister Thetas.

ALPHA ETA-VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

We are glad to tell of the recent visit of our district president. It was the first time we had ever been visited officially, and the pleasure of anticipation was not unmixed with a certain dread, for we could not lose sight of its being an inspection visit, and that, we feared, entailed "evils that we knew not of." But if she found anything or anybody seriously at fault, she kept her own counsel and left with us the pleasant feeling that our efforts were appreciated. Our southland seemed to deck itself especially early to do Miss Barnaby honor and we hope she carried home with her as pleasant memories as she left behind.

But Miss Barnaby is not the only "other Theta" we have seen lately. Miss Eagleson made us a flying visit on her way farther south, and although her time was extremely limited, you may be sure we "improved each shining hour" of her stay.

Our basketball season, which has been occupying most of our time and attention lately, has just closed, leaving Vanderbilt, contrary to the usual order of things, a little behind. The gymnasium instructor is a Theta alumna, Stella Vaughn, and as three of our girls play, we have taken an especially lively interest. Our college affairs committee has arranged a reception for the Vanderbilt women, to be given in honor of the team.

On Thursday, April 4, our spring holidays commence, and on the following day a large delegation of students from this and neighboring colleges goes to Mammoth Cave. A tablet is to be placed by our chancellor in the newly discovered avenue which has been named "Vanderbilt University avenue."

The convention spirit is strong within us and quite a number, both active and alumnæ, are planning to go.

Delta District

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The students of Illinois have just returned from a short Easter vacation, which is the first one granted for several years. The week before we went home we gave our annual party. As it was near St. Patrick's day, we made it a shamrock party, decorating entirely with green shamrocks and yellow lights. It was a very pretty, though not an elaborate party, and proved quite a success.

The Pan-Hellenic situation here has been the main point of issue, no agreement as to the length of rushing season being possible. At present the contract stands for three weeks, but is strenuously opposed by several of the fraternities represented. No final action has as yet been taken regarding the matter.

Delta chapter is unusually enthusiastic over convention this year, since it is to be so near, and we are making great plans for it. We intend to give a Delta chapter banquet sometime during session, and are expecting to see many of our Theta sisters there.

CLARA GRIDLEY.

KAPPA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY

Ever since the first week of March, Kappa chapter has been industriously preparing for the fraternity examination, and in these last weeks it has been the general topic of conversation and thought among the girls. Our unusually early spring has made the campus and the surrounding country so beautiful with flowers and grasses that it is more than ever hard to stay with our study classes indoors.

We have put off having a "Katsup" until after the examination, but one Saturday evening not long ago we met

at the house to sew and talk and sing and later went to a small university café nearby and had a little lunch.

About the middle of March Miss Stewart, district visitor of the Pi Beta Phi chapter, was here and all the sorority girls in the university were invited to meet her at an afternoon tea at their chapter house.

The Masque Club of the university gave "The Crisis" on April 4 and 5 and both performances were very successful. There were two Thetas in the cast, Edna Hopkins and Isabel Barton. Kappa seems to have taken a decided interest in dramatics this spring since there is at least one of her members in each of the dramatic productions yet to be given, the junior farce, the senior, French and the German plays.

Since this is the last issue of the Journal this spring, Kappa wishes "good luck to you all" and the happiest of

vacations.

TESSIE BALDRIDGE.

RHO-NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY

As the end of the year approaches we are filled with mingled sadness and pride. Sadness, because this year we loose eleven of the girls; pride, because so many will attain the reward of diligent effort. Two of the seniors, Mary Morgan and Georgia Field, have just been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. They were the only fraternity girls in the university receiving this honor.

If any banquet Rho has had could be voted "the best," it would surely be the banquet held in February, this year. It furnished an inspiration which will long be felt.

The annual Theta dance will take place on Friday, April 5. The Saturday afternoon following a play will be given at the home of Juliette Atwood, to which active and alumnæ members and out-of-town guests will be invited.

As the fraternity examination is drawing near, the older girls are refreshing their memories concerning fraternity matters, and the freshmen are attacking the chapter role.

Every one is enthusiastic concerning convention, and Rho expects to send a good-sized delegation. If a desire to go were all that were necessary the entire chapter would certainly attend.

Rho sends her best wishes to her sisters for the vacation and her congratulations to the seniors of Kappa Alpha Theta.

TAU-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter, Tau has recovered from the effects of mid-year examinations, and is looking forward to a happy ending of this semester. The second semester, in our university, at least, always seems just a little more precious than the first; the spring days in Evanston are so beautiful and go so swiftly that they make us realize how short a space is left for some of us to have our good times together. A number of our girls were pleasantly entertained last month at a small dance given by some of our friends in Glencoe; while on April I two of the girls in the active chapter are to give a party for the rest of us. We do not know in the least what sort of party this is to be, but from the invitations we are sure that it will be great fun. It has also been a great pleasure to have with us at many of our fraternity suppers, Nettie Isom, who, on account of illness, was unable to return to Welleslev.

We are greatly interested, at present, in contriving schemes whereby Tau and all of her alumnæ may be kept in very close touch. We have formed the plan of sending yearly to every alumna, a booklet giving names and addresses of all who have ever belonged to Tau chapter, and containing as well a list of the active members and an account of the work done in the chapter for the year. We are most anxious to refurnish our fraternity hall, and propose

to ask every alumna for a nominal sum to aid us in the work.

Since convention cannot be held in Evanston, we are delighted to think that it is to be held in Chicago, and hope that we can come out in full force to assist Delta Alumnæ in welcoming our Theta sisters.

UPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

With the passing of Lent and the advent of spring, the days are slipping by faster and faster, and there seems hardly time enough for all that we wish to do. The Woman's League is soon to present "Pinafore" on the Armory stage. Great interest has been aroused outside the limits of the college world and the event of the presentation of the opera promises to be most successful. The three literary societies among the girls are also busy rehearsing a Greek comedy which is to be given in proper Grecian fashion with a chorus to chant the dialogue.

Since our last fetter, we have entertained the mothers at our annual "mothers' tea." We are planning to include the fathers in our next invitation. The last two of the alumnæ meetings have been held in the afternoon at the homes of Edna Broom and Mrs. E. P. Burch, where the active girls have joined the alumnæ for the six o'clock spread and evening of impromptu stunts and pleasant interchange of thought.

Upsilon is rejoicing at present over the pledging of

Bess Hofflin, '09.

We are already eagerly anticipating the delights of convention where at least fifteen from Upsilon and Beta Alumnæ may greet, in person, the sister chapters in Kappa Alpha Theta.

EMILY CHILD.

PSI-UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Just at present, Psi chapter is congratulating itself on its freshmen. For a long time it has been the custom for the freshman class to entertain the seniors at the beginning of the second semester of each year. Each class has tried to outdo the class of the year before, so that the freshman "stunt" has become an important affair. Each class, of course, is inclined to boast over its own success, but every one is united in giving the palm to the class of 1910. This year the freshmen decided that, instead of eating up their offering to the seniors in the usual banquet, they would do something for the new house.

For weeks there were mysterious meetings and whisperings. At last the seniors were invited to meet in the reception room, one day, at four o'clock. The great hour arrived. The excited seniors went down to the reception room, where the freshmen served them afternoon tea from a new and completely furnished tea table.

We had all wished for a tea table, but thought that it was a luxury that we would have to do without for a while, so the freshmen's surprise was certainly a welcome one.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Our interests during the past term have been made up in greater part by those of the college at large.

The junior promenade, given on March 2 in the Woman's building, was a greater success than ever before. It is a custom for the seniors to return this with a trolley ride in May.

Each class successively has entertained the Woman's Council. These entertainments usually take the form of stunt parties, and are given in the girls' study hall. Many hitherto disguised talents have been discovered; such as a Sembrich who utters not a sound but conveys the idea by gestures, a human graphophone, and a Bernhardt who portrays all the human emotions with a vocabulary of three French words.

We are very happy in the thought of having with us in May our district president, Mrs. Norton. We have issued invitations for a reunion of all the Thetas in Texas to meet in Austin at that time, and hope to make this a great success.

Convention is talked of continually, and from present prospects Alpha Theta will have several representatives there.

HALLETT McPHAIL.

ALPHA IOTA-WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Spring has come and with it a certain overpowering desire to linger on the campus and a marked unwillingness to go to class rooms.

So many things have happened in the past month that I scarcely know where to begin. First and foremost there was our own Theta tea on February 22, to which about three hundred students and professors came. We were glad, indeed, that we could have Miss Forbes of Phi with us on that day, as she was visiting in the city at the time. As the baby chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, we are always happy and anxious to meet our newly-acquired sisters.

The Missouri Beta chapter of Pi Beta Phi was established in Washington University during the latter part of March. The installation of Pi Beta Phi will necessitate a Pan-Hellenic. Up to this time there has been no need for rushing, but there will be something new to which to look forward next fall.

A club of girls called W. A. G., which existed two years ago, has been re-established. It consists of four girls from each sorority and four non-sorority girls, and has for its object the doing away with cliques.

And now I come to Thyrsus. On April 5, Thyrsus, the dramatic club, will monopolize the attention of all who are interested in the university, for on that night the club will present Goldsmith's "Good-Natured Man." This is the annual play of the club and decidedly the most important event of the season, for then the entire college turns out in full force and its best clothes, and each year Thyrsus inva-

riably scores a greater hit than ever before. Two Thetas are in the play this year, Frances Dawson and Meta Gruner.

Two weeks ago we had a rare treat when Ex-Governor Long of Massachusetts spoke to the students, and on March 27, Dean West of Princeton addressed the student body.

In addition to all these things, we are working hard for examination. Every Wednesday we have a written quizz, and every spare hour that a Theta has is spent in the Theta room in study.

We are looking forward with pleasure and awe to our first initiation on April 6, and I am very glad to announce another pledgling, Marie St. Clair Davis, who entered college in January.

I cannot help mentioning how our dormitory, McMillan hall, is growing. Our rooms will face the east and south and will overlook the terrace.

May this glorious springtime find you all as well and happy as we are.

Gamma District

PHI-STANFORD UNIVERSITY

In spite of weeks of "clearing showers," the college world at Stanford has been a busy one in the way of preparation for the coming baseball games and track meets with California. On pleasant days the bleachers are filled with enthusiastic spectators and with the nearer approach of the intercollegiate events, the interest of the general college public grows greater. The coming intercollegiate regatta, also, lines the banks of Lagunita with many people to watch the practice of the Stanford oarsmen. Intercollegiate boat races have been established only within the last few years, but even now they hold a very high place among Stanford sports. In women's athletics, basketball, tennis and hockey share the attention of enthusiasts. The tennis

tournament nas not taken place, but one basketball game of the series has resulted in Stanford loosing to California.

There has been much going on in dramatics lately. The sophomores presented Bernard Shaw's play, "You Never Can Tell," with marked success. The German club play, "Minna von Barnhelm," though the first of its kind ever produced at Stanford, proved remarkably successful. The juniors, as an opening to their annual festivities, presented "La Serena," an original musical comedy, which was well received.

Junior day this year was marked by aquatic sports instead of the usual baseball game. The promenade, which came in the evening, will perhaps be best remembered as the promenade to which the girls walked. Stanford has always been justly proud of her democratic spirit; and when the busmen raised the price on carriages for the promenade, the president's woman's conference saw in it a tendency that might so increase the expense of class dances as to destroy the present feeling of democracy among Stanford students. In spite of the driving rain the resolution was carried out with only few exceptions.

Among Phi's good times have been a number of room spreads, where wonderfully costumed guests appeared and the air was full of the smell of boiling fudge. Elsie Branner gave a small tea for Gertrude Young, Psi, '06, who is visiting her brother in Palo Alto. Minna Stillman also gave a tea for Maryline Barnard Poole, '01, who visited at Stanford for a few days on her way east. One of Phi's best times, however, came with the dance given her by the freshmen. The party occurred on the eve of Washington's birthday, and with its decorations in big and little flags, its patriotic music, and Martha Washington costumes, the dance was a great success.

And now Easter vacation with its week of rest and pleasure, is before us. We scatter in every direction—some

to Oakland, some to San Francisco and some to the Y. W. C. A. conference at Capitola. The seniors are looking forward to the Collegiate Alumnæ reception, which is to be held in Oakland. There will be many Thetas present—active girls from California and from Stanford and alumnæ from almost everywhere. This introduction into alumnæ circles comes as the first real taste of what it will mean to the senior to graduate.

OMEGA-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

As a chapter we have done very little this term, although individually we have all been very busy. In February we gave a very informal little dance, and that is all the entertaining that we have done. Perhaps this is because the term has been so filled with other social events. Besides the regular college dances and many fraternity dances, there have been a great many musical and dramatic productions. We have had the regular Sunday afternoon "half hour of music," in the Greek theater, when the weather permitted, and symphony concerts and recitals of the Minette String Quartette on alternate Thursday afternoons, a production of "She Stoops to Conquer," with Crane and Ellis Jeffries in the leading roles, and in an Oakland theater the annual play given by the Skull and Key Society. Within the next few weeks the Greek students of the university are to give the "Eumanides" of Aeschylus in the Greek theater, and a production of the "Little Clay Cart," a translation from the Sanskrit, is to be given under the auspices of the University Dramatic Association.

In spite of the rain there has been a great interest taken in athletics among the women. There have been two basketball games with Stanford, both of which we won, and a tennis tournament to determine which women shall play Stanford, is now being held.

Of course we are excited about convention and anxious to hear more of the plans for it. Marjorie Paterson, '07, is

to be our delegate, and the rest of us are wondering if some good fairy will make it possible for us to be in Chicago in July, too.

Another topic of conversation that is nearly as popular as the convention is the fast approaching fraternity examination, that experience so dreaded by the freshmen and so respected by the upperclassmen. Everyone is either spending her leisure studying for it, or feeling that she ought to. Almost as soon as it is over we shall have to begin to study for our finals, and this term, and for our seven seniors the last term, will be over before we realize it.

MARGERY LYNCH.

PERSONALS

Iota

Mrs. Carlos D. Martinetti (née Lillian Swift, '97) spoke at the Cornell Alumnæ banquet held in New York.

Iota was delighted to have Eva Capron with us one week end. Miss Capron was visiting friends in Ithaca.

Sarah Baily, '09, has returned home from Smith College. It seems like old times to have her with us again.

Lambda

Mrs. Ellen Hamilton Woodruff, '75, is president of the Saturday Club of Brunswick, Maine.

Ralph Emerson, the eldest child of Dr. and Mrs. Guy E. Loudon (née Marion McIntyre), died February 16.

E. Mabel Brownell, '01, is to be in Chicago for the spring. Her address will be 297 Ashland Boulevard.

Grace Johnson's address is 2419 Channing Way, Berkeley, California.

Lambda had on March 16 the pleasure of a visit from Mary Brownell.

Chi

The engagement is announced of Beulah B. Throop, 'o6, to William L. Chandler, 'o6, Zeta Psi.

The engagement is announced of Maud Merritt, '07, to Darius Alton Davis, '07, Beta Theta Pi.

We have been delighted with visits from Maude Millington, ex-'05; Beulah Throop, '06, and Amy Quackenbush, ex-'09.

In November, at Shanghai, China, was solemnized the marriage of Grace Nancy Baird, '04, to Roscoe Hersey, '05, Psi Upsilon. Their address is the Presbyterian Mission, Paotingfu, China, where they are studying the Chinese language preparatory for Mr. Hersey's work in Tien Tsin.

Mrs. Adelaide Van Alstine Yard, '97, and Mrs. Floy Thomas Rixon, '01, were in the city for the initiation and banquet.

Matilda Alexander, ex-'06, is to spend the summer in Europe.

Alpha Beta

Marjory Matthews, of Baltimore, spent several days with friends in Swarthmore.

Emilie Hill, '06, and Mary Lippincott, '02, visited Alpha Beta in March.

The engagement of Elizabeth Booth, '03, to Robert Lamb, Delta U, '02, was announced March 6.

Gertrude Adams, '06, is teaching English in the Y. W. C. A., Camden, N. J.

Mary Lippincott, president of Alpha district, sails for Europe April 27.

Mary B. Cranston, '06, entertained the chapter at her home in Cynwid in honor of Marjory Matthews, ex-'07.

Caroline Washburne, '06, is teaching in White Plains, N. Y.

The engagement of Sarah Wood, '04, to Norman Passmore, '02, was lately announced.

Alpha Delta

Carolyn and Mabel Golding visited us during the first week of March.

Alice Bennett Pollard is spending several weeks in Baltimore.

Lucy Yancy is spending her spring vacation with Edith Sprowles in Philadelphia.

Nancy Pusey is visiting Lucile Locke in Brooklyn.

Alpha Epsilon

May Hartwell is going abroad in April to remain until November.

On March 12, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Cotton.

On March 14, Dorothea Cotton, '08, was married to Dr. Edmund Burke Delabarre, Amherst, '86, Alpha Delta Phi, professor of psychology at Brown University.

Angie Melden will move to Willbraham, Mass., this April.

The engagement is announced of Harriet Hoyle, '07, to the Rev. H. Otis Green, Brown, '03, Phi Gamma Delta.

Alpha Zeta

On March 30, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd F. Keeler (Romola Lyon, '03).

Helen Perry, whose engagement to Bradley Reynolds was announced in the March Journal, expects to be married in June, and will then make her home in Chicago.

Alpha

Edith Brand and Myrtle Allen are teaching in Florida this year.

Lucy Allen is teaching mathematics in the Junction City high school, Kansas.

Luella McWhirter will visit her sister, Mrs. Ethel Wise, at Metuchen, N. J., this month.

Ethel McKinstry has just graduated from a three-

years' course at the Indianapolis Hospital and has now be-

come a private nurse.

Grace Birch is teaching in Shortridge high school, Indianapolis, and her sister, Mary Birch, is teaching in the Brazil high school, Indiana.

Josephine Wilkinson has just become a senior at the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, and is home in Greencastle for a long visit.

Mrs. Grace Carter Davis has been visiting Miss Grace

Birch.

We have just received the announcement of the marriage of Ruby Ferris to Mr. Maurice Tennant, both of Terre Haute.

A number of Alpha Thetas will be in Europe this summer: Elizabeth Dougherty, Indianapolis; Belle Hannah, Lenni and Olooal Burner, Greencastle; Mary Thayer and Mary Moses, of Warsaw.

Beta

Ina Cockill, who has been teaching, returned to college for the spring and summer.

Genevieve Brown, who has been ill for two months, has

returned to college.

Mary O'Hair, ex-'07, and Mr. A. D. Hitz, were married at Brookville February 7. They will live in Indianapolis.

Ann Bishop, Grace Carson and Mabel Robertson have

not returned to college this term.

Two Theta brides have come to live in Bloomington since the Christmas holidays: Athol Foote Todd, ex-'08, and Margaret Davidson Johnson, ex-'08.

Mary Hamilton, 'o6, of Vincennes, and Hubert Beck, 'o5, Phi Kappa Psi, of Bloomington, have announced their engagement.

Beta chapter is planning a camping party near Chicago for the summer.

Gamma

Miss Barnaby was in Indianapolis for a short while at the home of Mrs. Eichrodt during the time of her visits to the Indiana chapters.

Julia Booth was married on March 4 to Paul Christian, Phi Delta Theta, of Noblesville.

Reliance Holton and Constance Addington are in college again for the spring term.

Adele McMaster, a charter member of Sigma Delta Theta, who has been studying this winter in Paris, will start home in May.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has awarded President Scot Butler an annual allowance of thirteen hundred and twenty-five dollars in recognition of his long and excellent service in the colleges of Indiana. Professor Butler is the father of one of our active girls.

Epsilon

Grace Corbett, '02, of Cheefoo, China, has announced her engagement to Ralph Wells.

Mrs. Josephine Taylor Slagle, of Milwaukee, is visiting her father in Wooster.

Born to Robert Esterly and wife (Blanche Curry) on March 5, a son.

News has been received of the safe arrival of Dr. Horn and wife in Europe, where they will spend a year. Mrs. Horn was Nina Gibbon of Wooster.

Mrs. Marshall, of Louisville, is visiting her father, Mr. Jesse McCellan, for a few days.

Eta

Lois Wilson, '05, and her mother spent their Easter vacation in Ann Arbor.

The engagement is announced of Mary Jane Haskin, ex-'09, to I. Jay Thorp, '06, Theta Delta Chi. The wedding will take place in June and they will live in New York.

Esther Harmon, '06, who has been doing graduate work at Bryn Mawr, has received a European fellowship from that college and will sail in the fall to continue her studies in Germany.

Annie M. Mulheron, '06, is doing library work at West high school, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Weir, Beta, called at the chapter house the other day. She is spending some time in Detroit.

Ruth Manville, ex-'08, visited in Ann Arbor at junior hop time.

Harriet Harrington, '04, has announced her engagement to Mr. Maynard, of Marquette, Mich.

Jane Pollack is teaching in the high school at Joliet, Ill.

Mu

Mrs. Kearney (Ethel Hires, ex-'05), of McKeesport, Pa., has a little son, born in February.

Emma Hausmann, ex-'08, of Erie, Pa., was married to Dr. Carl Kirschner.

Charlotte Illingworth, who has been teaching in India, is now in Pennsylvania, after spending some months in Minneapolis.

Ella Craig, Rebecca Longworthy, Clarabelle Wilkins, Ethel Canfield and Jess Williams, were back at Allegheny for the Washington's birthday banquet.

Nell Fitzgerald, ex-'07, is to be married in June at her home in Marionville, to Mr. Charles Merrill, Phi Delta Theta.

Pi

Born, to Mrs. George Sherman Collins (née Rouie White), a son, Burr White Collins.

Born, to Mrs. Ralph Ransom, of St. Joseph, a daughter.

Genevieve Pope, who is teaching in Monroe, is leading a chorus of 400 voices.

Emma Holbrook, of Chicago, is teaching English in Taylorville, Ill.

Bertha Root, of Battle Creek, made us a short visit on February 22.

Zella Starks was at home from Oak Park during the latter part of February.

Alpha Gamma

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jeffrey (Mary Loren) and Miss Florence Durstine, of New York, spent three weeks of March in Missouri.

Miss Alice Marsh, '06, was home for the Easter vacation from Greenville, where she is teaching.

Edith Richardson spent the week end of the Easter vacation in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Alpha Eta

Born, to Louise Wilson Wydnor, '05, a daughter. Louise Bang was at home for two weeks in March. Annie Mason, ex-'07, will come to Nashville from Honduras in June, to join her sister Marea, '05, for a visit. They will go from here to convention.

Kappa

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Sallee, '03, of Kansas City, have been visiting in Lawrence for a few days.

The wedding of Helen Perkins, Kappa, and Roy Cool, of Cleveland, Ohio, will take place on May 16 in Cleveland.

Louise Barker, 'o6, will be married on June 8 to Victor Smith, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in Girard, Kansas.

Mary Johnson, '04, of Kansas City, was in Lawrence recently visiting friends.

Rho

Margaret Loomis is expected home soon from Hon-

Several alumnæ came back for the dance: Ella Wirt, of Council Bluffs; Hazel Dovey, of Plattsmouth; Faith Hoel, of Omaha; Mary Bedwell, of Omaha.

The engagement of Marie Nettleton, of Kansas City, to Fred Rose, Beta Theta Pi, Beloit, '99, has been announced.

Alice Towne expects to go abroad this summer and study physical education in Germany and Sweden.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Sedgwick (Jeannette Post, '03) are now living in Mexico.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Martha Cline to Yale Bryant Huffman, Delta Upsilon.

Mrs. C. F. Ladd (Minnie Latta) expects to go abroad this summer.

The engagement of Mary Bedwell to Allen McNown, Delta Upsilon, has been announced.

Tau

Mary Ibach, Alpha, spent a few days at Evanston just before the Easter vacation.

Herta Curme Davis is spending several weeks in Evanston prior to moving to Kansas City, where she will live.

Ruth Dale, '06, visited us during Easter.

Isabella Woodbridge Wells was married on April 17 to Charles Percy Parkhurst of Columbus, Ohio.

Upsilon

Miss Edna Broom entertained the alumnæ and active girls at her home in February on the occasion of the monthly alumnæ meeting.

Mrs. Harriet Jackson Burch entertained in March.

Mrs. Ethel Ridgway Fowler entertained Upsilon chapter at her home late in February.

Blanche Stanford Bissell will be in the city until the first of May, when she will leave Minneapolis with her husband to spend a year abroad. Dr. Bissell will study in Germany.

Helen Nind spent two weeks of February in Minne-apolis.

Perrie Jones, '08, was given a surprise birthday supper March 22 after the dramatic club play "Tulu," by the rest of the girls in the chapter.

Josephine Thomas, '03, and Adelaide and Eugenia Lamphere, '06, were home for the Easter vacation.

Twelve of the younger alumnæ had a supper at the chapter house April 3.

Mrs. Wilson has been visiting in Milwaukee, where she met and was entertained by Mrs. Frederick Phelps, Epsilon.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Esterly, a son, Roland Curry Esterly.

Charlotte Hall is expected in Minneapolis soon on her way west to sail for Honolulu.

Verna Kluckhohn is traveling abroad with her mother and father.

Psi

Mrs. E. Ray Stevens and Mrs. John Parkinson both have infant sons.

Leilah Pugh and Ethel Strong, '05, have paid us several flying visits lately.

Mrs. Gertrude Sexton Coleman, '94, stopped in Madison for a few hours not long ago.

Alpha Theta

Pauline Davis spent a few days at her home in Taylor after the winter term examinations.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Windsor (née Margaret Boynton, Iota), a daughter, Mary, on April 1.

Emmie Fountain and Anne Thornton attended the Easter hop at A. and M. college.

Minnie Williams, '06, of Greenville, has been the guest of Alpha Theta for several weeks past.

Alpha Iota

Vida Gruner has announced her engagement to W. Philipps Moss, Phi Delta Phi.

Jane Knight, '09, has had to leave college because of ill health. We hope, however, that she will be well enough to come back next year.

Miss Forbes, Phi, visited in St. Louis during the latter part of February.

Phi

Mabel Ray, '05, is spending a few weeks at Stanford, after a very pleasant winter in Chicago, with her aunt,

Winifred Whittier. She brings very welcome news from Ruth Forbes, Jean Mead and Sara-Reid Beebe, all of whom she visited on her way west.

The engagement has been announced of Katharine Clover, ex-'07, to John Valentine Wachtel, of Los Angeles.

Florence Heywood, 'o2, who has been living in Paris during the last three years, is giving lectures on art history to a large class from the American colony and is quite successful in her new work.

Henrietta Stadtmüller is at her home in San Francisco, after a very pleasant three months' visit in Washington, D. C.

Clara Stevenson, '04, leaves on April 16 for Baltimore, where she will attend her brother's graduation from Annapolis. Later she will travel extensively in the East with her mother and sister.

Mabel Baum, '04, has been visiting in Santa Fé, New Mexico, during the past two months.

We were glad to see Maryline Barnard Poole, 'or, while she was visiting at the home of Minna Stillman.

Among Phi's visitors since the last Journal have been Carolyn Towle, ex-'05, Clara Stevenson, '04; Genevieve Chambers, '03; Edith Miller, ex-'06; Miriam Edwards, Cornelia Stratton and Marion Craig, of Omega.

Georgiana Lyman, '07, visited Genevieve Chambers, '03, at her home in Oakland during the spring vacation.

Elsie Branner, '07, spent the Easter week with Florence Burrell, '10, of Oakland.

Omega

The marriage of Elinor Merrill, ex-'08, and Volney Craig, '98, Beta Theta Pi, is to take place at Saint Mark's Church, Berkeley, on Thursday, April 11.

Eula Glide, ex-'08, who is visiting in Tennessee and Kentucky, expects to sail for Europe in April.

Edith Selby, '02, has returned to Oakland, after a year spent in Europe.

Marion Walsh, ex-'07, has returned from a two months'

stay in the east.

The marriage of Edna Wilde, '04, and Edwin Brooks, '04, Delta Upsilon, is to take place in June.

Elizabeth Arneill, '04, is to spend the summer traveling in Europe.

The marriage of Elsie Burr, 'oo, to Harry Overstreet,

'98, Beta Theta Pi, is to take place in June.

Bertha Reuter has returned from a two year trip abroad, where she has been making a special study of the old Italian painters. She visited the British Isles and most of the countries on the continent and is at present making her home in Yonkers, N. Y.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

Theta Delta Chi held its fifty-ninth annual convention in New York, February 20-24; Alpha Chi Rho met in the same city in February; Psi Upsilon convened there in April; the same month, Delta Gamma was entertained by its chapter in Boulder, Colorado. The following conventions are announced for the future: Delta Tau Delta holds its Karnea in Chicago in August; Kappa Alpha will meet for its twenty-fourth biennial convention in Norfolk, Virginia, in the middle of July; Sigma Chi will convene "at or in the vicinity of the Jamestown Exposition on July 30."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has installed chapters at the University of Indiana and in Syracuse University; Pi Beta Phi initiated its chapter at the State University of Washington on January 5 and another chapter in Washington University, St. Louis, in March; Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Kappa Epsilon have entered the University of Wisconsin.

A Pan-Hellenic banquet was held on February 22, at the University Club at Panama. In Denver a men's Pan-Hellenic has been formed with a membership of three hundred.

After two years of semi-inactivity, Phi Delta Theta at North Carolina, has intiated three new men, now numbering four in the active chapter.—Record of S. A. E.

The anti-combination agreement, by which the students of Williams bind themselves to enter into no agreements of mutual support in undergraduate elections, has been ratified. It has been signed by authorized representatives of the twelve fraternity chapters, and by four-fifths of the non-fraternity undergraduates. The agreement went into effect January 10, 1907, and is to be binding until January 10, 1908.—Palm.

Announcement was made recently of the gift of \$32,000,000 from Mr. John D. Rockefeller to the General Education Board. Mr. Rockefeller had previously given \$11,000,000 to the same organization. Colleges, high schools and common schools will be benefited by this gift.

A movement is now on foot at Vanderbilt University to replace the present system of semi-yearly final examinations by the exemption grade system. The students have petitioned the faculty to excuse from final examinations all whose grade for the session is over ninety per cent.

EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

December—Shield of Theta Delta Chi and Trident of Delta Delta.

January-Anchora of Delta Gamma and Phi Chi Quarterly.

February—Alpha Phi Quarterly, Alpha Xi Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Trident of Delta Delta Delta, Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi Quarterly and Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha.

March—Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta, Phi Gamma Delta, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi and Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

April—Anchora of Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Journal, Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi and Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

In the preparation for the coming convention it should be remembered that while the delegate should be familiar with the views of the chapter on all questions she should not go bound by instructions. Such a delegate is unable to profit by the discussions of convention. Choose a delegate whom the chapter can trust will not abandon the point of view of the chapter without some good and sufficient reason.—Anchora.

The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta prints the following as part of its "Boost" for its Karnea to be held in Chicago:

"'IMPERIAL Chicago calls.' Passing hastily over the hifalutin' adjective attached to the little old village which boasts the Mogul among its most famous residents, we are emboldened to state that if Chicago calls, there is no chance to beat her.

"She has at least four aces and a joker running wild. This language may be slightly technical and productive of knitted brows in educational circles at Baldwin, Kan., Columbia, Mo., and Madison, Wis., but why blame us if the higher education has not been assimilated at these outposts?

"We repeat it. If Chicago calls, she will deliver the goods. She has a habit of delivering the goods, not in an unsightly bundle, wrapped in brown paper at the back door, but rather enfolded in tin foil with gilt trimming at the front vestibule. * * * A dollar, judiciously expended, goes far in Chicago. 'Dat's de troot,' as they say

over on the we't side, the only part of the big town where the torch of learning has not flared. So you, who begin to hesitate because of a possible crimp in your bank account, have no cause to dread. What you must fear is any polished stranger who offers to dispose of his interest in the Masonic Temple, because he liked you the first minute he laid eyes on you. If on Monday some one offers to have the building turned around on its axis for the reasonable sum of twenty-five cents, heed not. This is only done on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Let the mystic words, 'Meet me in Chicago,' be your pillar of fire by day and your cloud of smoke by night. We may be a little tangled here, but what boots it? Make your plans to attend the greatest Karnea in the annals of Deltdom and we'llgosome—anddon'tyouforgetit."

NEW INITIATES, 1905-1907

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ALLEN, BERNICE. Alpha. Gree	encastle, Ind.
ALLEN, GERTRUDE MARY. Alpha Epsilon. Riv	verside, R. I.
ALLEN, HAZEL KATHRINE. Beta. Hun	tington, Ind.
ALLEN, JEAN. Alpha. Gree	encastle, Ind.
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	Center, Kan.
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	turgis, Mich.
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	Ladoza, Ind.
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